

State of Minnesota  
County of Hennepin

District Court  
4th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 19A04245  
Court File No. 27-CR-19-8554

State of Minnesota,  
Plaintiff,

**COMPLAINT**  
Order of Detention

vs.

**EMMANUEL DESHAWN ARANDA** DOB: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Minneapolis, MN 55408

Defendant.

The Complainant submits this complaint to the Court and states that there is probable cause to believe Defendant committed the following offense(s):

**COUNT I**

**Charge: Murder -1st Degree - Premeditated**

Minnesota Statute: 609.185(a)(1), with reference to: 609.17.4(1), 609.185

Maximum Sentence: 20 YEARS, LIFE

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 04/12/2019

Control #(ICR#): 19003472

Charge Description: That on or about April 12, 2019, in Bloomington, Hennepin County, Minnesota, EMMANUEL DESHAWN ARANDA, attempted to caused the death of the Victim, a human being, with premeditation and with intent to effect the death of that person.

## STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

Complainant has investigated the facts and circumstances of this offense and believes the following establishes probable cause:

On April 12, 2019, at approximately 10:18 a.m., Bloomington Police officers were dispatched to the Mall of America, Mall herein, located in Bloomington, Hennepin County, on a report of a child being thrown off a third floor balcony.

Officers responded and observed a 5 year old child, Victim herein, on the first floor of the Mall with obvious and severe injuries. Medical personnel indicated he had multiple fractured bones, including his arms and legs, was bleeding from the head and had massive head trauma.

Several distraught witnesses were in the area, including the Victim's mother, Witness 1. Witness 1 identified the Victim as her son and said that she and the Victim were on the third floor of the Mall outside the Rain Forest Café. She and the Victim were with a friend and her friend's child when a male she had never seen before approached them. The male, subsequently identified as EMMANUEL DESHAWN ARANDA, DOE [REDACTED] Defendant herein, came very close to them, so Witness 1 asked if they were in the way and should move. Without warning, Defendant picked up the Victim and threw him off the third floor balcony in front of Witness 1 and several other witnesses, including children. Defendant then took off running. Another individual in the area, Witness 2, saw Defendant throw the Victim off the balcony and tried to stop Defendant from leaving. Defendant pushed Witness 2 against the wall and continued running away from the scene. Officers subsequently located Defendant on a light rail train at the Mall, waiting for it to depart and placed him under arrest. Defendant was calm and did not question why he was being placed under arrest. Several of the witnesses identified Defendant as the one who had grabbed the Victim and thrown him off the balcony.

Bloomington police officers subsequently talked with the Defendant after reading him a Miranda warning. Defendant agreed to speak with police officers and said that he was the one who had thrown the 5 year old Victim from the balcony and fled. He said he formed a plan to kill someone at the Mall yesterday, April 11, 2019, and had come to the Mall that day looking for someone to kill, but it did not "work out." He said he planned to kill an adult, because they usually stand near the balcony, but he chose the Victim instead. Defendant indicated he had been coming to the Mall for several years and had made efforts to talk to women in the Mall, but had been rejected, and the rejection caused him to lash out and be aggressive. Defendant has previously been trespassed from the Mall for throwing water in a woman's face and destroying property. He has a warrant for his arrest from Illinois for assault, and a conviction for First Degree Damage to Property from Hennepin County. Defendant acknowledged repeatedly in his interview that he had planned and intended to kill someone at the Mall that day and that he was aware that what he was doing was wrong. A review of video surveillance at the Mall showed Defendant walking in the Mall on the third floor and looking over the balcony several times before approaching the Victim and Witness 1.

The Victim landed on the first floor in front of numerous people after falling for approximately 39 feet. He is currently in critical condition receiving all available treatment. The State intends to pursue an aggravated sentence based on particular cruelty to the Victim, particular vulnerability of the Victim, and the commission of the act in the presence of other children and the Victim's mother.

## SIGNATURES AND APPROVALS

Complainant requests that Defendant, subject to bail or conditions of release, be:  
(1) arrested or that other lawful steps be taken to obtain Defendant's appearance in court; or  
(2) detained, if already in custody, pending further proceedings; and that said Defendant otherwise be dealt with according to law.

Complainant declares under penalty of perjury that everything stated in this document is true and correct. Minn. Stat. § 358.116; Minn. R. Crim. P. 2.01, subds. 1, 2.

**Complainant**

George Harms  
Detective

[REDACTED]  
Bloomington, MN 55431  
Badge: [REDACTED]

Electronically Signed:  
04/15/2019 10:41 AM  
Hennepin County, Minnesota

Being authorized to prosecute the offenses charged, I approve this complaint.

**Prosecuting Attorney**

Cheri Townsend

[REDACTED]  
Minneapolis, MN 55487  
[REDACTED]

Electronically Signed:  
04/15/2019 10:38 AM

## FINDING OF PROBABLE CAUSE

From the above sworn facts, and any supporting affidavits or supplemental sworn testimony, I, the Issuing Officer, have determined that probable cause exists to support, subject to bail or conditions of release where applicable, Defendant's arrest or other lawful steps be taken to obtain Defendant's appearance in court, or Defendant's detention, if already in custody, pending further proceedings. Defendant is therefore charged with the above-stated offense(s).

### ☐ SUMMONS

THEREFORE YOU, THE DEFENDANT, ARE SUMMONED to appear on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ AM/PM before the above-named court at the address listed on the attached court summons to answer this complaint.

IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR in response to this SUMMONS, a WARRANT FOR YOUR ARREST shall be issued.

### ☐ WARRANT

To the Sheriff of the above-named county; or other person authorized to execute this warrant: I order, in the name of the State of Minnesota, that the Defendant be apprehended and arrested without delay and brought promptly before the court (if in session), and if not, before a Judge or Judicial Officer of such court without unnecessary delay, and in any event not later than 36 hours after the arrest or as soon as such Judge or Judicial Officer is available to be dealt with according to law.

☐ *Execute in MN Only*

☐ *Execute Nationwide*

☐ *Execute in Border States*

### ☒ ORDER OF DETENTION

Since the Defendant is already in custody, I order, subject to bail or conditions of release, that the Defendant continue to be detained pending further proceedings.

Bail: \$2,000,000.00

Conditions of Release: No Contact with Victim; No Possession of Weapons; Other: No contact with Mall of America; No Contact with Witnesses; No Contact with Minors/Males/Females under age of: 18

This complaint, duly subscribed and sworn to or signed under penalty of perjury, is issued by the undersigned Judicial Officer as of the following date: April 15, 2019.

**Judicial Officer**

Jay Quam  
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 04/15/2019 10:45 AM

Sworn testimony has been given before the Judicial Officer by the following witnesses:

**COUNTY OF HENNEPIN  
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**State of Minnesota**

Plaintiff

vs.

**EMMANUEL DESHAWN ARANDA**

Defendant

**LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER RETURN OF SERVICE**  
*I hereby Certify and Return that I have served a copy of this Order of Detention upon the Defendant herein named.*

Signature of Authorized Service Agent:

## DEFENDANT FACT SHEET

**Name:** EMMANUEL DESHAWN ARANDA  
**DOB:** [REDACTED]  
**Address:** [REDACTED]  
Minneapolis, MN 55408

**Alias Names/DOB:**  
**SID:** [REDACTED]  
**Height:**  
**Weight:**  
**Eye Color:**  
**Hair Color:**  
**Gender:** MALE  
**Race:** Black  
**Fingerprints Required per Statute:** Yes  
**Fingerprint match to Criminal History Record:** Yes  
**Driver's License #:**  
**SILS Person ID #:** [REDACTED]  
**SILS Tracking No.** [REDACTED]  
**Alcohol Concentration:**

## STATUTE AND OFFENSE GRID

Cnt Nbr	Statute Type	Offense Date(s)	Statute Nbrs and Descriptions	Offense Level	MOC	GOC	Controlling Agencies	Case Numbers
1	Charge	4/12/2019	609.185(a)(1) Murder -1st Degree - Premeditated	Felony	H1H56	A	MN0270100	19003472
	Penalty	4/12/2019	609.185 Murder - 1st Degree	Felony	H1H56	A	MN0270100	19003472
	Penalty	4/12/2019	609.17.4(1) Anticipatory Crimes-Attempts-Penalty-20 Years if Life for Intended	Felony	H1H56	A	MN0270100	19003472